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1. As a result of advice by President Grau to have some members elected to public office, the Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario (MSR) has several members running for the office of Representative from different provinces of Cuba. President Grau's advice was given to Rolando Masferrer, leader of the MSR, as a suggestion for increasing the strength and standing of the organization. The following are those who are up for election:

Rolando Masferrer, nominated by the Republican Party as a candidate for Representative from Oriente Province in the place of his brother, Kiki Masferrer.

Julio Salabarría, MSR member, nominated as a Representative from Havana Province. He is a brother of Mario Salabarría, convicted former Chief of the Cuban Police.

Emilio Suri Castillo, Secretary General of the National Federation of Sugar Workers and a close friend and collaborator of the MSR, was nominated by the Republican and Cuban Revolutionary Party from Camaguey Province. Castillo collaborated with Masferrer in the latter's attempt to expand the MSR among sugar workers.

Rolando Meruelo, MSR member, nominated on the Republican Cuban Revolutionary Party ticket for the office of Representative from Santa Clara Province. Meruelo is an intimate friend of Senator Santiago Key of Cienfuegos.

2. Carlos Prio Socarras, the Cuban Revolutionary Party (Autentico) and Republican Party candidate for President, allegedly promised Masferrer \$60,000 in order to carry on his campaign. Ruben Leon, the president of the Cuban House of Representatives, is also said to have promised Masferrer \$30,000 to aid in his election activities.

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